

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Tropical Storm Isaias Update
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Tropical Storm Isaias impacted the Town of Darien significantly in the hours between 12 noon and 6pm yesterday. Widespread tree and utility damage has occurred. Governor Lamont has issued a Declaration of Civil Preparedness Emergency for the State of CT in light of Storm Isaias being the 3rd most damaging storm in the state's history even surpassing that of Super Storm Sandy.

Darien Police and all of our first responders are working around the clock with our Department of Public Works to clear blocked roadways and remove dangerous debris. 46% of the Town of Darien was without power and likely cable, phone and internet service. Darien Police received over 450 calls for service. We have 150 locations with significant storm damage and traffic lights throughout town are not operating. Several homes and vehicles were damaged by fallen trees. It's a miracle no one was hurt!

There is a tremendous amount of work to do. You may not see them, but I can assure you that Eversource has been here since the storm subsided assessing the damage, clearing roadways and restoring power to critical town infrastructure. Utility work prioritizes life-safety matters first. When roads are clear and safe, line crews come back to do the dangerous work of rewiring and restoring power.

Eversource coordinates restoration efforts with our phone and internet providers. I will continue to put appropriate pressure on our utility partners for swift recovery efforts. Full recovery will take several days so please make appropriate arrangements for you and your family.

We know that our hot summer weather with no air conditioning, no internet for folks working and learning from home and the mandated restrictions due to COVID-19 make for a very difficult situation. Our Human Service Department is in close contact with our vulnerable residents. The Darien Library is open from 9-5 with limited capacity for cooling and recharging devices. We are assessing the need to open additional cooling centers. We ask for your continued patience while our first responders and utility partners serve you.

If your power is out, you must report the outage directly to Eversource either by phone (800)286-2000, their website at [Eversource.com](https://www.eversource.com) or by app. Storm updates will be posted on the Town of Darien website by clicking on the red banner on the top of the home page. You can also register or update your Code Red subscription using the Code Red link.

Please use the 911 emergency line only for true emergencies. You can email storm related concerns to emergencyoperations@darienct.gov.

I will continue to update you as needed. Stay safe.